MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 28, 2014
El Cerrito City Hall
Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

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Roll Call - Chair: Bill Kuhlman; Commissioners: Amy Coty, Ken Hirano, Andrea Lucas, Lisa Motoyama and Tim Pine. Commissioner Carla Hansen was absent.

1. Council / Staff Liaison Report
   Nothing was reported.

2. Comments from the Public
   No comments were received.

3. Commissioner Communication/Conflict of Interest Disclosure
   Commissioner Hirano disclosed that he knew the applicant’s representative, Doug Giffin. Chair Kuhlman disclosed that he had received a letter from the applicant, Steve Chamberlain.

4. Public Hearing – 1800 Elm Street
   Application: PL13-0146
   Applicant: Educational Ventures, LLC
   Location: 1800 Elm Street
   APN: 502-122-041
   Zoning: PS (Public/Semi Public)
   General Plan: Institutional & Utility
   Request: Public hearing for the consideration of a Zoning Clearance application to determine compliance of a proposed middle school with the existing use permit entitlements in place on the property of 1800 Elm Street, El Cerrito, CA.
   CEQA: Categorically Exempt, Section 15301 – Class 1, Existing Facilities

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Development Services Manager, Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commission.

Steve Chamberlain and Doug Giffin, representing the applicant, and Kelly Garcia, representing Summit Charter Schools presented the project and answered questions from the Commission.

The following members of the public addressed the Commission:

Amy Kang, 2320 Cedar St
Hadassah Williams, 2501 Maine Ave, Richmond
Monserrat Perez, 443 Cutting Street, Richmond
Helen Couture Rodriguez, 1712 Manor Cir
Phil Murphy, 7415 Rockway
Maria Hollands, 2536 Edwards
Maria Avalos, 3121 Garvin Ave, Richmond
Dennis Cody, 2721 Del Monte Ave
Zoe Downing, 639 Old County Rd, Belmont
Whitney Dotson, 4109 Jenkins Way, Richmond
Jeff Robertson, 317 Colusa Ave, Kensington
LaRona Gray, 775 S. 47th St, Richmond
Sheila O’Daniel, 2319 Cedar St
Evelyn Granera, 457 28th St, Richmond
Patty Castillo 2842 Esmond Ave, Richmond
Tom Panas, 7345 Fairmount Ave
Ben Steinberg, 5871 McBryde Ave, Richmond
John Finafrock, 6485 Conlon Ave
Brigette Perez, 435 S. 16th St, Richmond
Leslie Reckler, 33 Edwin Dr, Kensington
Elizabeth Sanders, 467 Carlson St, Richmond
Longming Wu, 1788 Manor Cir
Daisy Leong, 1780 Manor Cir
Franklin Leong, 1780 Manor Cir
Loraine Sonoda, 1801 Key Blvd

Steve Chamberlain, Doug Giffin, and Kelly Garcia again addressed the Commission and answered questions.

Motion to find that the applicant has submitted adequate information to verify that the proposed middle school will be in compliance with the existing use permit in place at 1800 Elm Street: Kuhlman, 2nd. Pine. Vote: 6-0-0-1.

5. Staff Communications
No Communications were given.

6. Adjournment
9:25 p.m.